

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 were pending in the Application. Applicants cancelled claims 1-57 without prejudice or disclaimer and added claims 58-76. Hence, claims 58-76 are pending. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to capture the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-57.

Claim 57 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants cancelled claim 57 and hence the rejection to claim 57 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is moot.

Claims 21, 23-26, 28-31, 33-42 and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants cancelled claims 21, 23-26, 28-31, 33-42 and 57 and hence the rejections to claims 21, 23-26, 28-31, 33-42 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are moot.

Claims 21, 23-26, 28-31 and 33-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,518,156) or Edman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,569,382) or Heath et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,095). Applicants cancelled claims 21, 23-26, 28-31 and 33-38 and hence the rejections to claims 21, 23-26, 28-31 and 33-38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) are moot.

Further, the Examiner has objected to the Specification for including a period instead of a comma when identifying Serial No. 09/551,716. Office Action (11/17/2004), page 4. Applicants amended the Specification by replacing the period with a comma when identifying Serial No. 09/551,716 at the locations in the Specification as identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections to the Specification.

Further, the Examiner has objected to claims 21 and 34 for including misspelled words. Office Action (11/17/2004), page 4. Applicants cancelled claims 21 and 34 and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections to the claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully assert that newly added claims 58-76 are patentable over Chen et al., Edman et al., and Heath et al. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 58-76.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 58-76 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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